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HOW TO PUT A BUILDING TOGETHER

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INSTRUCTIONS: Below [use additional sheets as necessary], describe how a typical commercial building is built, using conventional construction materials and methods. Use correct names and nomenclature of materials, products [not manufacturers], correct construction language, dimensioning, detailing, and indicate proper chronological sequence, required to build the entire structure, bottom to top.

[See sample solution on next page]

In the vast majority of instances, the blank area above is exactly what you will get from student architects, graduates and even interns- they do not have the necessary knowledge, understanding or the flexibility of mind, etc., regarding this challenge. If not remedied NOW this situation will continue and worsen. No computer or graphic software system will provide the knowledge or varied applications for projects. There is need for recognition, understanding, discussion and early resolution.